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Communications

To the Editor:

After reading last week's paper, two things became apparent in my mind.

First, if something is not done about the teenage problem, and it is a problem to all concerned, more serious "waves of juvenile crime" will recur in this, our city.

Secondly, I believe that this incident could have been avoided if a more appealing place had been furnished for the use of the teenagers. Don't get me wrong. We appreciate the city letting us use the school auditorium, but is a gym any place for a dance or for that matter any place where we can relax and have a coke or two? It simply doesn't meet our needs.

The parents may say that we should stay home most of the time. This is true most of the time but we need someplace where we can go once in a while to "get away from it all." You adults have such places in the form of the Legion and the Athletic Club and many other fine organizations. How would you like it if you had to hold dances in a gym? Can you honestly say that you would?

We would gladly build our own place if we had the money, but we don't. The citizens certainly showed that they wanted to help us by supporting us on the Labor Day affair but we realize that their support is limited also; therefore we must rely on support for this new Drop-Inn from the city manager and the council. Their main reason, it seems, is that they don't have the money. They want to lower the tax so people can build. Who are these people? Greenbelters? A few perhaps, but mostly outsiders who want to take advantage of Greenbelt's advantages. Sure, we all want a bigger and better town, but will it be better? Will we have quality as well as quantity?

The Drop-Inn is a proven thing. It's not an experiment. Were there "crime waves" when the old Drop-Inn was in operation? Did parents wonder where their children were? No, they knew they were down at the Drop-Inn. We, the teenagers, liked it and want another like it only even more so.

The teenagers I know are basically good, but they are dissatisfied. Are you going to leave us out in the streets or pent-up in the houses? Remember, we're the next citizens of our community. Whether we're good or bad ones rests with you. Talk to your councilmen—that's what they are for, you know.

A Teenager

To Our Neighbors in Greenbelt:

To correct a possible erroneous opinion that the local American Legion Post is merely a "tavern in the town" a breakdown of our expenditures for the year 1955, other than current maintenance is submitted:

School awards	\$ 109.92
Boy's State	60.00
Flags for schools, scout troops, etc.	77.00
Donations to fund drives	65.00
Local programs	20.00
Junior and Little League baseball	791.10
Welfare (Cash donations, food and clothing)	424.80
Observances (Memorial Day, etc.)	60.00
	\$1607.82

In addition the sum of \$377.89 was made available to the Fall Festival Committee through the efforts of the local Post.

To the Editor:

In its January 26 issue the GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW published a letter from Harold Hufendick protesting the actions of the Greenbelt City Council, and the GVHC Board, relative to the Fulbright-Harris Gas Bill. The letter was accompanied by editorial comments in support of Mr. Hufendick's position.

As a member of Council who introduced the matter at a recent Council meeting and phrased the motion committing Council to the action it took, I would like to reply to both the letter and the editorial remarks.

Reader Hufendick is quite justified in questioning whether Council was operating within its proper sphere, and he is to be commended for publicly raising the question. The GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW, in printing the letter, is certainly keeping faith with its goal of serving as a vehicle of expression for the people of Greenbelt. I wish, however, the editor's comments had been of greater help in clarifying the issue.

When the matter was brought to the attention of City Council, it was stated at the outset that the existence of legitimate interest might not seem apparent. Obviously, since natural gas is not used in Greenbelt, it might seem that our concern could be only academic.

Throughout the testimony of many persons who appeared before the Interstate Commerce committees of both Houses of Congress there have been references to the price-relationship between natural gas and fuel oil.

Senators Douglas, Pastore, Kennedy, Duff, and Wylie—from both major parties and from opposing sides of the political spectrum—have all stated that the expected rise in the cost of natural gas that would result from the passage of the Bill would be followed, if not accompanied by, increases in the cost of competing fuels - including fuel oil.

That the issue is one about which reasonable men can differ is certainly not to be denied. It is my belief, based not necessarily on a philosophy of government but on reasoned presentations made by members of Congress, by mayors of most of the major cities in the nation, by representatives of the vast majority of natural gas distributors, and by the comments of the official spokesmen of the natural gas producers, that the removal of gas producers from public-interest regulatory control would bring about sharp rises in prices of natural gas and compensatory increases in the price of fuel oil.

In its representative capacity, City Council, in my opinion, was within its rights in taking the action it did to request the senators from Maryland to oppose the pending Bill.

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

Council of the City

Of Greenbelt

February 6, 1956

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meetings
4. Petitions and Requests
5. Written Communications
6. Monthly Reports
7. Resolution (Second Reading) Rezone Land on Southway for Filling Station
8. Resolution, Recommending Approval Rezone Land on Edmonston Rd. for Light Industry
9. Manager's Request for Authority to Spend Replacement Funds
10. Manager's Request to Reinvest Principal From U. S. Bonds Maturing Feb. 1.
11. Resolution, To Determine Policy On Installation of Sidewalks in Subdivisions
12. Resolution, To Consider Recommendations for Rezoning Property at Corner of Edmonston Road and Greenbelt Road for Regional Shopping Center

NorthEndPTAMeets Theme: Brotherhood

The next meeting of the North End PTA will be Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. This will be an open meeting; all will be welcome. Because the week of February 19-26 has been designated as Brotherhood Week, the meeting will have "brotherhood" as its theme.

A movie, "The High Wall" which concerns prejudice, will be shown, and Miss Marjorie Rank, assistant director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews will be moderator. Parents who come at 8 p.m. can visit classrooms and examine pamphlets on the Adult Education Bookshelf. The Bookshelf is a new project of the PTA from which any interested adults may borrow books and pamphlets on the rearing and education of children.

676 Chests X-Rayed!

Six hundred and seventy-six persons received X-rays at the Chest X-Ray mobile unit, stationed in Greenbelt on January 27.

The success of this achievement is due to volunteer workers who devoted much time and energy in making this vital health facility available to the citizens of this community: Mesdames Galvin, Amberg, Jarvis, Shipp, Miller, Griffin, Mixon and Plackett.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Set For February 6

The Annual Boy Scout sustaining fund drive will begin in Greenbelt February 6. The drive will be initiated at a meeting February 3 at 8 p.m. in the Community Church, where Northern Division chairman Percy H. Andros and city chairman Emory A. Harmon, will explain the program to volunteer unit captains, who will canvass the city during the week of February 6.

CENTER PTA TO HEAR PSYCHOLOGICAL RESULTS

The Center school PTA will meet Tuesday, February 7 at 8 p.m. to learn the results of psychological experiments conducted by the University of Maryland Department of Psychology, using thirty of our parents and teachers as subjects.

GCA Hears Gas Station Debate

Greenbelt Consumer Services, represented by general manager Samuel Ashelman, president Walter Bierwagen, and several board members, engaged in a heated debate with Abraham Chasanow, representing the Gilbert Realty Company, new owners of the center, at a meeting last Tuesday sponsored by the Citizens Association. Issue was the proposed location of a service station on a one-acre site close to the 10 court of Southway, at the entrance to Greenbelt.

Mothers' 'March' Nets Over \$725

On Tuesday night January 31, more than 80 crusading Greenbelt mothers "Marched on Polio" to the tune of some \$725 for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Mothers with arm-bands, armed with glass jars, coffee cans and other types of containers braved the cold and dark to canvass homes in the city to obtain funds to help combat this dreadcrippler and killer.

Organizational work for the drive was conducted by Mrs. Joseph D'Agostino, under the auspices of the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Commenting on the success of the "March", Mrs. D'Agostino said: "I feel that the wonderful results of this drive were achieved through the fine efforts of the mothers who participated in the 'March' and the fine cooperation of the donors, which is typical of the citizens of our city. The Ladies Auxiliary offers its heartfelt thanks to everyone responsible for making this campaign an unqualified success."

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 7586

There's a new addition in the Duncan family, 39-B Ridge. Bonnie Jean arrived January 19 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. She joins two brothers. Roddy celebrated his sixth birthday January 11.

It's a boy for the Ray Nolls, 34-M Ridge. Born January 20, David weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. At home are three sisters and one brother.

The Maurice Benders, 8-C Ridge, named her Laurie Ann. This 5 lbs. 11 oz. bundle made her debut January 19.

Pfc. Vernon C. Iseli, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Iseli of 14-V-2 Ridge, is at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn. undergoing instruction at the Aviation Mechanic's school.

James Edward Schallmo, Jr. weighed in at 8 lbs. 7 1/4 oz. Monday, January 23, at the Washington Sanitarium. He came home to 7-K Research where he found his two sisters Joanne (8) and Amy (2) waiting for her to help them celebrate mother Julie's birthday.

Many Scout parents from Greenbelt will attend the annual Scouter recognition "Pot Luck" dinner Saturday, February 4 at 6:30 p.m., at the National Guard Armory in Washington.

New City Directory Planned By 'Lions'

The Greenbelt Lions Club is compiling listings and soliciting advertising for a new city directory to be published and distributed early in April.

Plans are being made to put out a bigger and better book, to include: names, addresses, and telephone numbers of every family in Greenbelt; listings and advertising of professional and commercial concerns serving the city, and a wealth of local information including details about every organization and its functions.

It is hoped that this project will not only fill the pressing need for such up-to-date and handy reference, but will also prove a financial success inasmuch as all net proceeds have been pledged to swell the "Youth Center Building Fund". For further information, the following may be contacted:

Lloyd L. Moore (Advisory), 8566; Edward A. Burgoon (Advisory), 9451; Ralph Bartholomew (Advisory), 9289; Robert Halpin (Advertising), 2776; George Neumann (Distribution), 6051; Cyril Kovalchik (Group Write-ups), 5134; Emory Harmon (Listings), 6367; Earl Thomas (Printing and Layout), 2471.

Warner-Kanter, owners of the land, have requested that the site be rezoned to Commercial C-2 for this purpose. GCS has contracted with W-K to lease the site for 40 years, the station to remain W-K's. Ashelman claimed this to be a sound business practice, cheaper than any leasing or purchasing arrangement proposed by Gilbert.

Chasanow countered that several managers of the stores presently operated by GCS have approached him about leasing the stores from Gilbert. Ashelman, refusing to take this seriously, joked "I didn't know I had so many fools working for me." Chasanow charged that the \$100,000 price mentioned by GCS in its weekend announcement was inaccurate, but the exact amount was not revealed. Gilbert is prepared to invest \$500,000 in improvement, he said, and will give Greenbelters what they want in a shopping facility. He chastised GCS for allowing the center to deteriorate, and assured the group that if Gilbert ever did anything detrimental to Greenbelt he would no longer represent him.

Gilbert will have a "monopolistic" hold on the present gas station site if the Southway site is not rezoned, and residents will then have to pay more for gas in order to provide the rental Gilbert wants, GCS people declared. The Southway site will not be an eyesore or traffic hazard, they claimed, although the city would have to pave a 100-foot right of way and trees would have to be planted.

Ashelman admitted that the station might be closer to the nearest home than indicated in a drawing he displayed. He claimed the site was marked "commercial" on development plans as far back as 1954, which is one of the reasons why GCS was taken aback by the current opposition to the proposal. Ashelman said GCS is willing to request commercial zoning only for the land actually used by the station (building and driveways), the remainder to stay as presently zoned.

This whole subject will be discussed at city council meeting Monday, February 6.

GVHC Board Seeks City Planning Body

A proposed planning commission for Greenbelt, the Fulbright gas bill, aid to the Baptist Chapel, and a land swap with Warner-Kanter, were among matters discussed by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board on Friday, January 27.

GVHC manager Paul Campbell suggested the planning commission idea, approved by the board, recommending to city council that it set up a 9-member body to plan development of the undeveloped land. Two council or city staff members, two GVHC board or staff members, one Warner-Kanter representative and four other members would form the commission.

The board reaffirmed its previous decision to write the two Maryland Senators expressing its opposition to the natural gas bill. This action was taken because of a letter in the News Review objecting to the board's action, and an editor's note agreeing with the letter. (Replying to the board's letters, Senator Butler favored the bill and Senator Beall said he hadn't decided.)

The board also voted to waive an \$180 share of the Baptist Chapel's payment to Warner-Kanter for a site on Crescent Road, with the understanding that the price would not go up accordingly. Shares paid to GVHC from sales of W-K land are deductible from a minimum yearly payment provided in the vacant land sales contract with W-K. According to GVHC President Ed Burgoon, waiver of the Baptist sale share will not decrease the amount receivable by GVHC at the end of the year.

The Board also agree to a pro-

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I would like to make one other comment - - while Mr. Hufendick's typical fair-mindedness was evident in most of his letter, his use of the word "equivocate" in describing Council's consideration of the current zoning issue, I deem outrageous.

This Council is fully aware of the serious implications of the zoning problem now before it. I can not believe any thoughtful citizen of Greenbelt would want Council to make a decision until satisfied that it was unquestionably in the best interests of the city, and its people.

Alan Kistler

Summer Playground Helped By County

Community groups wishing to conduct summer playgrounds in cooperation with the Prince Georges county recreation department are urged to make written application to the Recreation Board immediately. Mrs. Vera Hash, Chairman, announced this week.

The recreation board provides trained leadership for the summer playground program while all sup-

plies and volunteer help is furnished by community groups. Last year sixty playgrounds were conducted by the recreation department in cooperation with community groups in Prince Georges county. Facilities of the Board of Education, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and municipalities are used in the playground program.

Applications should be sent to Mrs. Vera Hash, Chairman, Prince Georges County Recreation Board, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland, prior to March 1.

ST. HUGH'S BOOK FAIR

A Bookfair will be held at St. Hugh's, Sunday, February 12, 3 p.m. in the meeting room. The Library Committee hopes to have an author there to autograph books for you.

LIBRARY GETS BOOKS

The Prince Georges County Memorial Library has received as a gift a 54-volume set of "Great Books of the Western World," encompassing 443 works by 74 authors and spanning western thought from Homer and the Bible to the twentieth century. The set is located in the Hyattsville library. An earlier edition is in the Greenbelt library.

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